This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for controlling a cursor in a computer comprising the following steps:

provideing an input signal generated by the computer;

providing a cursor control apparatus for receiving a user input and providing signals indicative of the user input, the cursor control apparatus connected to the computer;

providing a piezo-electric tactile feedback apparatus coupled with the cursor control apparatus;

providing a driver circuit coupled to the piezo-electric tactile feedback apparatus, the driver circuit operable to generate an AC signal that causes the piezo-electric tactile feedback apparatus to vibrate;

providing a suppression circuit coupled to the computer and ~~the driver circuit and~~ the cursor control apparatus~~;~~, the suppression circuit adapted to receive the input signal and deactivate the cursor control apparatus;

providing a switch circuit, the switch circuit connected to the computer and between the driver circuit and the suppression circuit and the piezo-electric tactile feedback apparatus.

deactivating the operation of the cursor control apparatus in response to the suppression circuit sensing ~~an~~ the input signal, ~~the suppression circuit generating a suppression signal that deactivates the cursor control apparatus~~;

the switch circuit, in response to receiving the input signal, starting the piezo-electric tactile feedback apparatus for a first period of time, the piezo-electric tactile feedback apparatus adapted to vibrate the cursor control apparatus;

stopping the piezo-electric tactile feedback apparatus after the first period of time; and

~~stopping the suppression signal; and~~

the suppression circuit activating ~~allowing the operation of~~ the cursor control apparatus.

2. (original) The method for controlling a cursor in a computer of claim 1 and further comprising the following step:
activating the tactile feedback apparatus in response to predefined user inputs from the cursor control apparatus.

3. (original) The method for controlling a cursor in a computer of claim 2 and wherein the predefined user input is a selection indication.

4. (original) The method for controlling a cursor in a computer of claim 2 and wherein the predefined user input is placement of the cursor over an active area on a display device.

5-6. (cancelled)

7. (currently amended)   A cursor control system comprising:

a computer adapted to generate an input signal;

a cursor control apparatus for sensing user inputs and providing outputs corresponding to the user input, the cursor control apparatus connected to the computer;

a piezo-electric tactile feedback apparatus coupled to the cursor control apparatus for providing tactile feedback to the user in response to a predefined user input;

a driver circuit coupled to the piezo-electric tactile feedback , the driver circuit generating an ac signal for powering the piezo-electric tactile feedback apparatus, the ac signal being applied in response to an input signal;

a switch circuit, the switch circuit connected to the computer and between the driver circuit and a suppression circuit and the piezo-electric tactile feedback apparatus, the switch circuit turning on the driver circuit in response to receiving the input signal from the computer;

a cursor suppression circuit system coupled to the cursor control apparatus and the driver switch circuit, the cursor suppression system sensing the input signal and deactivating the cursor control apparatus during operation of the piezo-electric tactile feedback apparatus such that the sensing of user inputs is prevented during the operation of the tactile feedback apparatus.

8-9. (cancelled)

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10. (currently amended) The cursor control system of ~~claim 9 and~~ claim 7 wherein the ac signal is 300-400 hz.

11. (currently amended) The cursor control system of claim 7 and wherein the ~~cursor~~ suppression ~~system~~ circuit filters out cursor inputs resulting from the tactile feedback operation.

12. (currently amended) The cursor control system of claim 7 and wherein the ~~cursor~~ suppression ~~system~~ circuit blocks cursor inputs during the tactile feedback operation.

13. (cancelled)

14. (currently amended) The cursor control system of claim 7 and wherein the ~~cursor~~ suppression ~~system~~ circuit comprises a set of machine readable instructions for performing the operation.

15. (currently amended) The cursor control system of claim 7 and wherein the suppression ~~system~~ circuit filters out spurious signals generated by the tactile feedback operation.

16-17. (cancelled)

18. (new) The cursor control system of claim 7 wherein the cursor control apparatus is reactivated after the piezo-electric tactile feedback apparatus has completed operation.